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## CROP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 19

### AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY

Light and scattered rains, mostly in the northern third of the state, did little to slow harvest, grain dry-down, or the deterioration of pastures, according to the Indiana Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. In fact, corn harvest is moving at a record pace with 27 percent of the crop harvested, ahead of the previous record of 20 percent harvested in 1991. Hot and dry conditions have affected conditions to the point where rainfall would benefit harvest by suppressing field fires, which have been reported in the driest portions of the state.

### FIELD CROPS REPORT

There were 6.7 **days suitable for field work**. Eighty-eight percent of the **corn** is **mature** compared to 13 percent last year and 44 percent for the 5-year average. Twenty-seven percent of the corn crop has been **harvested** compared to 0 percent last year and 6 percent for the 5-year average. By area, approximately 19 percent of the corn acreage has been harvested in the north, 23 percent in the central region, and 53 percent in the south. Corn **condition** is rated 56 percent good to excellent compared with 62 percent last year at this time. **Moisture** content of harvested corn is averaging about 17 percent.

Seventy-nine percent of the **soybean** acreage is **shedding leaves** compared with 36 percent last year and 55 percent for the 5-year average. Twenty percent of the soybean acreage has been **harvested** compared with 0 percent for last year and 3 percent for the 5-year average. By area, approximately 13 percent of the soybean crop has been harvested in the north, 28 percent in the central region, and 16 percent in the south. Soybean **condition** is rated 51 percent good to excellent compared with 59 percent last year. **Moisture** content of harvested soybeans is averaging about 12 percent.

Three percent of the **winter wheat** acreage has been **planted** compared to 1 percent last year and 2 percent for the 5-year average. **Tobacco harvest** is 79 percent complete compared with 59 percent last year and 53 percent for the 5-year average.

### LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT

**Pasture condition** is rated 12 percent good to excellent compared with 54 percent last year. Pasture condition continued to decline due to dry soils. Livestock are reported to be in mostly good condition.

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg.
Percent				
Corn Mature	88	69	13	44
Corn Harvested	27	13	0	6
Soybeans Shedding Lvs.	79	60	36	55
Soybeans Harvested	20	7	0	3
Winter Wheat Planted	3	NA	1	2
Tobacco Harvested	79	64	59	53

### CROP CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Corn	5	12	27	44	12
Soybean	6	13	30	40	11
Pasture	25	31	32	11	1

### SOIL MOISTURE & DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK

Soil Moisture	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Percent			
<b>Topsoil</b>			
Very Short	44	39	9
Short	40	39	36
Adequate	16	22	53
Surplus	0	0	2
<b>Subsoil</b>			
Very Short	34	30	6
Short	46	44	31
Adequate	20	26	62
Surplus	0	0	1
<b>Days Suitable</b>	6.7	6.3	6.6

### CONTACT INFORMATION

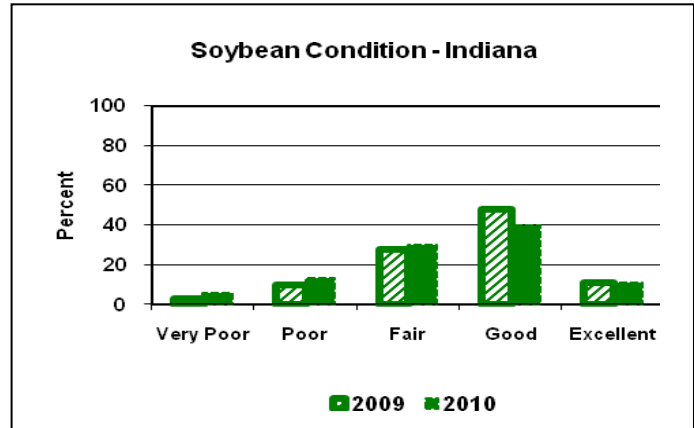
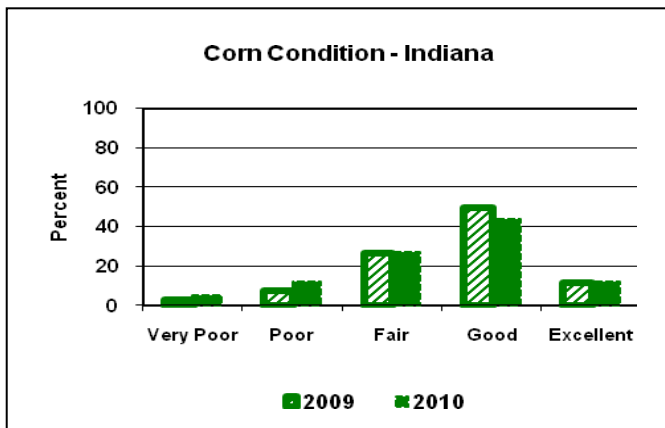
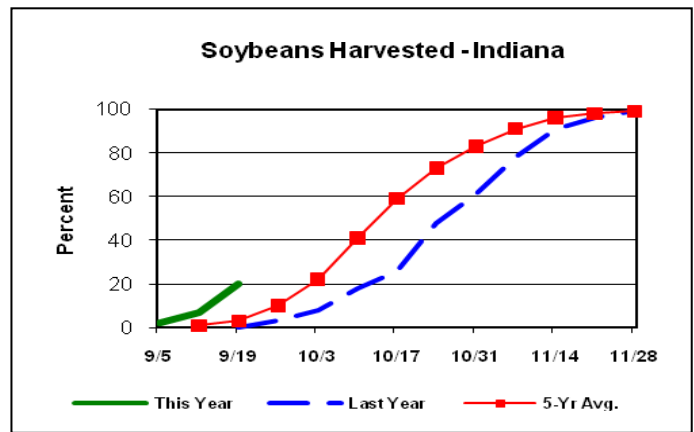
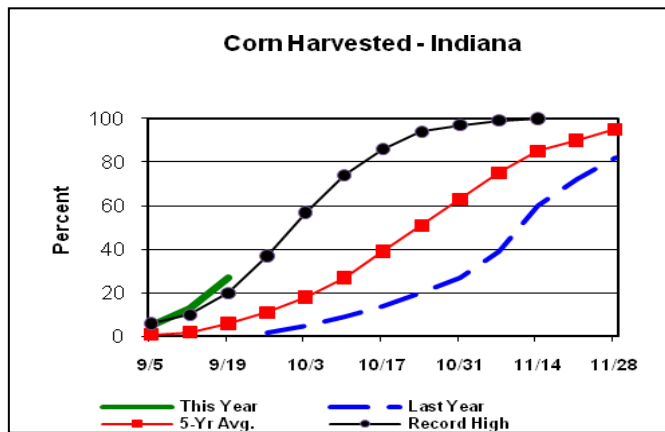
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## Crop Progress



### Other Agricultural Comments And News

#### **Overall Farm Outlook Optimistic Expected Rise in Prices Pleases Grain Producers**

Written by staff writer Virginia Ransbottom of the South Bend Tribune. Article appears in the September 17, 2010 issue and can be found at:

<http://www.southbendtribune.com/article/20100917/News 01/9170304/1130>.

PLYMOUTH — While America's corn yields were at a near record high in 2010, the world demand in 2011 may exceed supply and bring record corn prices.

That's part of the economic forecast farmers heard from the 2010 Purdue Farm Outlook meeting led by agricultural economist Chris Hurt at the Marshall County Extension office Thursday.

Renewable fuel standards, drought in Russia, world economic recovery and China buying feed for the first time in 15 years were all reasons Hurt gave for the high demands on grains.

Revenue from corn will generate a new state record of almost \$5 billion, and soybeans, at \$2.6 billion, will squeak by last year's record.

Although difficult to grow in the north-central Indiana region, wheat will be the most profitable to grow in 2011. Exporters Canada and Russia both lost considerable wheat crops that will also create demand.

"I'm planting more corn," said Mark Wickizer, of Walkerton. "Instead of rotating between corn and soybeans, I'll do two corn to one soybean."

Art Morrill, of Argos, who's been farming since 1948, gave up livestock in the '70s when his sons moved on with their own careers. He now makes a good living farming popcorn.

"Who knew the price of corn was going to go to \$5 a bushel?" he grinned.

And there's a 40 percent chance it could go to \$6 by July, Hurt said.

But while corn brings in a high price for some farmers, for others it produces a high cost in feed for livestock.

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# Weather Information Table

## Week Ending Sunday, September 19, 2010

Station	Past Week Weather Summary Data							Accumulation				
	Air			Precip.			Avg	April 1, 2010 through September 19, 2010				
	Temperature			Precip.			4 in	Precipitation			GDD Base 50°F	
							Soil					
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Temp	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN
<b>Northwest (1)</b>												
Chalmers_5W	88	47	66	+1	0.09	1		30.37	+9.24	65	3123	+235
Francesville	85	47	66	+3	0.28	2		25.52	+4.23	63	3080	+425
Valparaiso_AP_I	81	49	65	+2	0.41	3		24.02	+1.44	66	3126	+488
Wanatah	82	48	64	+0	0.40	3	69	23.98	+2.09	61	2947	+425
Winamac	84	49	66	+2	0.35	4		25.27	+3.98	69	3162	+507
<b>North Central (2)</b>												
Plymouth	83	50	64	-2	0.33	3		23.37	+1.76	57	3016	+226
South_Bend	79	50	64	+0	0.30	3		21.06	+0.08	65	3129	+509
Young_America	85	47	66	+1	0.07	1		30.18	+9.65	55	3107	+365
<b>Northeast (3)</b>												
Fort_Wayne	84	50	67	+3	0.15	3		22.87	+3.87	59	3405	+663
Kendallville	83	50	64	+1	0.55	3		22.09	+2.25	81	3009	+432
<b>West Central (4)</b>												
Greencastle	87	46	66	-2	0.00	0		24.78	+0.89	65	3092	+4
Perrysville	90	45	69	+4	0.02	2	75	26.20	+3.65	58	3520	+645
Spencer_Ag	88	49	68	+3	0.09	1		27.66	+3.49	60	3397	+493
Terre_Haute_AFB	87	46	70	+4	0.00	0		27.12	+4.53	67	3648	+582
W_Lafayette_6NW	88	43	67	+2	0.01	1	73	26.31	+5.22	56	3304	+577
<b>Central (5)</b>												
Eagle_Creek_AP	89	53	72	+6	0.02	1		22.99	+1.81	60	3769	+728
Greenfield	89	51	68	+3	0.00	0		28.66	+5.50	64	3438	+515
Indianapolis_AP	91	52	73	+7	0.00	0		20.72	-0.46	54	3901	+860
Indianapolis_SE	87	50	69	+2	0.00	0		22.37	+0.72	58	3381	+349
Tipton_Ag	88	49	67	+3	0.04	1	72	27.02	+5.61	63	3196	+550
<b>East Central (6)</b>												
Farmland	86	50	67	+4	0.14	3	70	25.57	+4.72	70	3237	+652
New_Castle	88	47	67	+3	0.02	1		27.91	+5.72	64	3087	+438
<b>Southwest (7)</b>												
Evansville	94	54	74	+6	0.04	1		13.52	-7.79	51	4246	+724
Freelandville	90	52	71	+4	0.00	0		23.60	+1.39	53	3818	+651
Shoals_8S	94	48	69	+2	0.00	0		24.58	+0.53	44	3538	+467
Stendal	94	55	74	+7	0.04	1		20.26	-3.66	46	4234	+911
Vincennes_5NE	91	52	71	+4	0.00	0	77	27.85	+5.64	59	3878	+711
<b>South Central (8)</b>												
Leavenworth	91	53	72	+5	0.08	1		21.84	-2.56	78	3850	+799
Oolitic	92	51	69	+4	0.16	1	76	24.22	+1.17	58	3468	+533
Tell_City	93	57	73	+5	0.00	0		19.68	-4.81	43	4107	+710
<b>Southeast (9)</b>												
Brookville	90	51	69	+4	0.24	2		21.48	-0.90	60	3513	+724
Greensburg	92	53	71	+6	0.05	1		22.84	+0.27	58	3787	+939
Seymour	90	50	68	+3	0.16	1		19.62	-2.37	51	3441	+513

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GDD = Growing Degree Days.  
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Precipitation Days = Days with precip of .01 inch or more.  
Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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## OVERALL FARM OUTLOOK OPTIMISTIC EXPECTED RISE IN PRICES PLEASES GRAIN PRODUCERS (continued)

"Our dairy [producers](#) are most vulnerable right now," extension director Bob Yoder said.

Like Morrill, it'll be farms that aren't being passed to another generation that will be cutting production, Yoder said, and some have already been lost to the bank.

While dairy production expanded in 2007 and 2008, milk prices plummeted in 2009, and farmers began losing up to \$1,000 a cow.

"Now they're coming close to covering costs, but they're not building back their equity yet," Hurt said.

The hog market was reported to be bringing home the [bacon](#), though rebounding from 2009 after the recession and H1N1, dubbed the swine flu, created a disaster in the market.

Production dropped, prices rose and hogs were profitable again this spring with another production expansion under way.

Beef is getting good cattle prices with no signs of expansion, and poultry producers are turning a profit with both chicken and turkey increasing production while demand keeps prices up.

Value on acreage of land was down last year, but came back with an average 5.5 percent increase and a 3.3 percent appreciation rate.

So what does this mean to the average consumer?

Expect low inflation of about 1 percent more for milk, meat, poultry, eggs, flour and [pasta](#) for the rest of this year, and a 2 percent to 3 percent price increase in 2011.

"Of course this is all a prediction, as six months from now we don't know what will be down the road," Hurt said. "But right now it's looking optimistic, especially in the last 60 days." Staff writer Virginia Ransbottom: [vransbottom@sbtinfo.com](mailto:vransbottom@sbtinfo.com) 574-235-6344

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